

ARFF News



*“Helping to save the lives
of those without a voice”*

ARFF's Purpose

The purpose of the Animals aRe First Fund (ARFF) is to provide support to the San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program. Specifically, ARFF will strive to promote the spaying and neutering of animals, shelter adoptions and responsible pet ownership. In addition, ARFF will carry on other charitable activities such as fundraisers and seeking grants to increase important services associated with Animal Control.

Special Points of Interest

- *ARFF's Purpose*
- *Meet the Directors*
- *The 1st Fundraiser*
- *Become an Associate*



Meet the Directors

Gary McBride, Past President
San Bernardino County (CAO) DAO

Daniel Avera, President Elect
*San Bernardino County Public
Health Division Chief*

Brian Cronin, President
*San Bernardino County Program
Manager*

VACANT, Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Pennell, Secretary
*San Bernardino County Health
Education Specialist II*

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Special Stories

"Princess"

On the morning of January 7, 2003, a woman taking a walk in a local park found a puppy. She proceeded to the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Shelter with the little dog and gave her to the first Animal Control Officer she saw. The dog weighed about 9 ounces at the time and was approximately 2 months old. She was stiff, blue in color, and hardly breathing. She was held in a blanket by a shelter staff member for 4 1/2 hours until she regained her body warmth. She then began to have seizures. The staff took her to a local vet where she was diagnosed with low blood sugar and exposure to the elements. With medical treatment from the vet, a little honey water, and a lot of love she was eating puppy food within 24 hours of being delivered to the shelter. This little dog or "The Rat" as she is nicknamed, is a brown/white Tea Cup Chihuahua. She has been spayed and licensed and is now a shelter pet who is cared for by the shelter staff on a daily basis. Oftentimes, she travels with the Special Projects Animal Control Officer to local schools to help educate students about proper pet care and how animal shelter workers assist the homeless animals that are unwanted by society. Her story is shared with the students who love to pet her and she in return loves the attention. She is now 2 years old, weighs a little over 2 pounds, and appears to be a very happy, healthy, "Princess".



"Trouble"

Trouble is a chocolate Labrador / Weimaraner mix who was born on March 21, 2004. He was taken to the Devore Animal Shelter when he was



only 10 days old. He was released by his owner to be euthanized because of a defect to his left leg and foot. The owners did not want him with the rest of the litter because they were afraid potential adopters would think all of their puppies had genetic defects. The shelter supervisor spoke with the owners and they agreed to allow the shelter to bottle feed and wean Trouble so that he could become a part of the Animal Care & Control (ACC) family. Trouble had a microchip implanted at ACC's 4th annual Be Kind to Animals Week Car Show & Carnival in May of 2004, he was neutered in June, and he began his obedience training classes in October. Trouble likes to spend his days greeting shelter visitors — all the time putting smiles on the faces of all those that he meets. What a cutie pie!

To Send a Donation

If you would like to send a monetary donation you may send a check made payable to ARFF to:

P.O. Box 5401
San Bernardino, CA 92412

Thank you!



Become an Associate

The following is a list of Associate Packages available through ARFF. To become an Associate of ARFF, please complete the application inserted into this newsletter and return to ARFF in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Thank you for your support! **Tax deductible amount will be less depending on goods received for associate level*

Associate Package	Annual Fee	Newsletter	Associate Patch	Associate Pin	Wall of Fame	Associate Plaque
PLATINUM	\$100+	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
GOLD	\$51-99	YES	YES	YES	YES	
SILVER	\$26-50	YES	YES	YES		
BRONZE	\$10-25	YES	YES			



Fundraising

Some of ARFF's annual fundraising events will include:

- "Putts 4 Mutts" golf tournament in honor of Spay Day USA (February)
- "Be Kind to Animals Week Classic Car Show & Carnival" (May)
- Donation Drives for "National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week" (November)
- "Home 4 the Holidays" Photo Opportunities (November—December)



Shelter Wish Lists

Dog, Puppy, Cat, & Kitten Food (Wet & Dry)	Temporary ID Tags	Small wading pools
Kitten & Puppy Formula	Food/Water Bowls	Washable Beds
Towels	Blankets	Toys
Newspapers	Kitty Litter	Carriers
Litter Boxes	Dog Biscuits	Cages
Cat Treats	Shampoo	Conditioner
Flea Dip	Dish Soap	Leashes
Forceps	Brushes/Combs	Step Stool
Sponges	Dog/Cat Collars	Fly Masks
	Grooming Dryer	Tall Dust Pan
	Laundry Soap	Exercise Pens
	Emergency Stretchers	Twitches for Horses
	Puppy/Kitten Formula	Horse Halters/Leads
	Horse Watering Containers	Stable Forks (Rakes)
	Needle holder/scissor combination	



Animals aRe First Fund Associate Application



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Ad-
dress: _____

Phone Number: _____ hm _____ wk _____

Associate Level: _____

Interests/
Hob-
bies: _____

Family Informa-
tion: _____

Why are you interested in being an associate of ARFF?

*Please send your completed application to: ARFF
P.O. Box 5401
San Bernardino, CA 92412

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